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SUBJECT: **DRAFT RESPONSE**

U.S. Application 08/809,340

Pietro Padovani, "THERMOFORMING APPARATUS ..."

Our Ref.: B-3289 615920-5/RPB

REMARKS:

Examiner Mackey:

Attached is a draft response to the Final Rejection dated November 21, 2000. We wish to schedule a telephone interview with you to discuss the draft response and to determine if the amendments and arguments set forth in the draft response put the application application in condition for allowance. In particular, we wish to discuss the 103(a) rejection, based on the WO94/15863 reference. We will call you on Monday, March 19, 2001, to set a time for the telephone interview, or to conduct the interview at that time, if possible. If you need to reach us before that time, please call me at the number above. Thank you.

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Applicant: Pietro Padovani) Group Art No.: 1722
Application No: 08/809,340) Examiner: Mackey, J.
Filed: May 6, 1997) Re: RESPONSE AFTER FINAL
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Rejection dated November 21, 2000. A request for a one month extension of the term for responding accompanies this Response. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Under the subtitle "DESCRIPTION" on page 1, please cancel the following:

-- **CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/481,458 which is a national stage application based on PCT/EP93/03700 filed in December 27, 1993 now abandoned --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 43. A clean copy of amended claim 43 is shown in the next page. A marked-up copy of old claims 1 and 43 with hand-written amendments is shown in the attached appendix.